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HERE'S THE WINNING GINGERBREAD HOUSE



Photo : Mike Russell - San Mateo Times

Surrounded by a lake of lollipops, 25 pounds of sugar and more than 100 hours of work went into this winning entry which earned Visitacion Valley Community Center first place honors at the December 10 Coyote Point Gingerbread House Competition.

Spotlight on the Community

Mom's Volunteerism an Asset to Visitacion Valley Children

Visitacion Valley is special to Anne Kaartunen - she grew up here and came back here to raise her family. "My Interest in working with kids came from my own childhood in Vis Valley," she says. When she was looking for after-school recreation activities for her children, she saw a need for these programs in the neighborhood. "It was natural to get involved here." For her involvement, Mrs. Kaartunen recently received the School Volunteer of the Year Award from the San Francisco School Volunteers.

Two years ago, she started a summer program in her home three days a week with 17 boys and girls in grades 3-8. By the following October, it became a Campfire Club with 60 children from schools throughout the neighborhood. Now, two and a half years later, 300 children participate in after-school and weekend recreation programs through the Campfire Club, as well as playground, after school, schoolyard and gymnasium programs. the School District and

the Park and Recreation Department work cooperatively to offer these programs to children.

She spearheaded fundraising to create a mural at Visitacion Valley Elementary School. This project was so successful that local merchants and Businesses in the city also funded a second mural for the local branch of the public library. Other murals are in the works with design and creation done as intergenerational cooperative projects of children and seniors.

This year, Mrs. Kaartunen wrote and received a grant for a community garden at Visitacion Valley Elementary School. It will be part of the school curriculum and will also be accessible to students and community after school, weekends and vacations.

Mrs. Kaartunen believes that volunteering can take place at the school, community organization and also at home, providing such valuable services as collating newsletters, addressing envelopes, working with teachers on a class project.

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Daly City continues to carve up San Bruno Mountain

The Daly City Council voted unanimously on October 13th to rezone nine acres on the north slope of San Bruno next to San Bruno Mountain Park. The rezoning of this land to allow the construction of houses priced at \$275,000 each was protested by Bay Area Mountain Watch and the Southern Hills Homeowners Association represented by Elsa Ramos. Other Daly City residents spoke at the hearing or wrote letters of protest. After hearing the public's comments, all of which opposed the rezoning, the Daly City Council, without further discussion, voted unanimously to rezone the parcel from open-space zoning to residential use.

Before the developer, Standard Building Company Inc., and the land owner, Visitacion Associates,

can begin cutting down existing eucalyptus and cyprus to build the planned 47 houses, they must have the parcel annexed by Daly City. This requires the approval of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and San Mateo County.

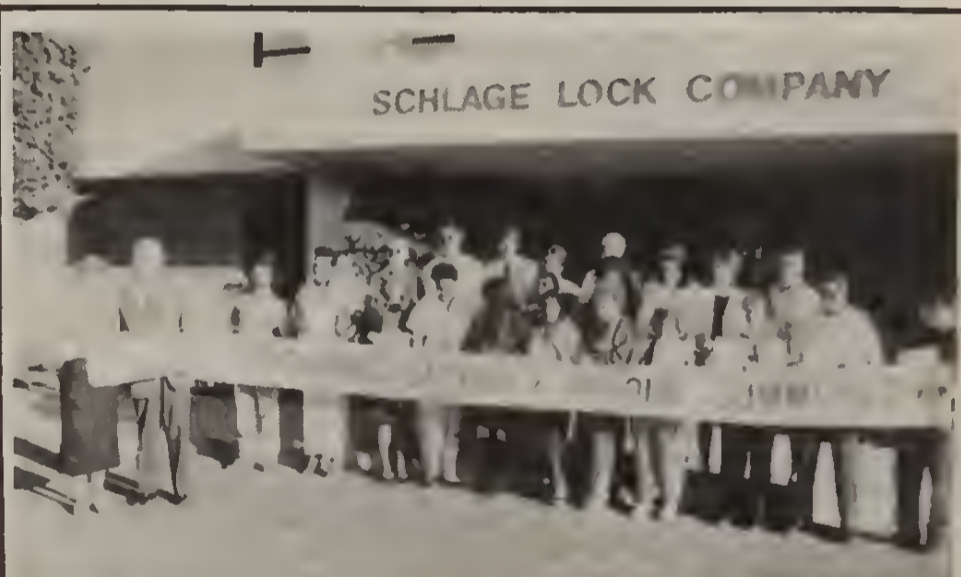
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One giant step for San Bruno Mtn!

After much hard work Bay Area Mountain Watch volunteers have collected 6,000 signatures for the California Parks and Wildlife (Cal PAW) Bond Initiative Campaign exceeding their goal by 1,000.

The initiative is now assured a place on the June '88 ballot.

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United Way Campaign Coordinator Karen Riordan and Schlage Lock President Jerry Tuft (left) join Schlage's donor reps to display a common goal of both organizations

Schlage Lock employees show their generosity to the United Way

Once again, Schlage employees showed their caring attitudes by donating a total of \$84,848.00 to the United Way of the Bay Area. Each plant, large or small, contributed its share to the worthy cause. The amount raised clearly reflects a team effort from all our locations.

San Francisco plant and division employees contributed

\$36,500.00, a 30 percent increase over last year's amount. A bake sale, a raffle for a trip to Aspen, Colo., and a United Way fact game increased employee involvement.

United Way funds help support our Community Center, Campfire and other worthy Valley service organizations.

EDITORIAL Protect yourselves

It is certainly not my intention to "whip a dead horse", but this editor is deeply disturbed by phone calls which keep reminding me that violence is a frequent presence in Visitacion Valley.

Whether it is because the GRAPEVINE is becoming a more visible and important communication medium to the Valley or whether criminal activity is increasing, there has been a discernible increase in calls complaining of threatening behavior, break-ins, muggings, beatings - even murders, which the callers ask us to investigate.

Our intent is to warn and advise our readers about this frightening aspect of our Valley. We have been in close touch with Capt. Frank Reed, S.F.P.D. Potrero Station, whose responsibility it is to provide police protection to this neighborhood. Capt. Reed reports that drug related crime is high, but not escalating.

When questioned about four recent murders in the area, Reed appeared convinced that they were unrelated and he reported that in three cases suspects had been charged.

Reed also confirmed last month's story about a young man who had been offering his services for hauling, tree trimming and other household chores - demanded advance payment - performing a small portion of the agreed-upon job, and then either splitting leaving behind a mess, or demanding more money to hire a truck or rent more tools.

Both Visitacion Valley and Potrero Hill have reported a large number of these scams.

Protect yourselves from unscrupulous con artists. Pay only for work done after you are satisfied; do not loan money for tool or truck rental; watch the work you have agreed upon being done, and keep alert to the whereabouts of any worker on your property. You are the only one who can protect yourself from being cheated.

We invite GRAPEVINE readers to call with information about criminal activity to 467-6400.

Speaking of Health

By Jacqueline W. Wasserman, RN,FNP

Food, cancer, and you

Is it possible to do anything to protect against cancer? The causes of cancer that are known account for about 50% of cancer-related deaths. Those that are most familiar to us include cigarette smoking, genetic factors, viruses, air pollution, and radiation exposure. Apart from the obvious factors such as not smoking and avoiding environmental pollutants, research has shown that a specifically nutritious diet can be a safeguard for the body against cancer. Since 50% of cancer-causes are still unknown, diet may enable us to exert some positive influence upon our health towards prevention against this dread disease.

Studies by the American Cancer Society suggest the following guidelines. No diet can guarantee prevention, but some protection may be possible. Eat more high fiber foods: These include fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Eat food rich in Vitamins A and C: Included are carrots, tomatoes, spinach, greens, apricots, peaches, and cantaloupe. Eat cruciferous vegetables: (Vegetables from the mustard family that form a cross when they grow). Included are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and brussel sprouts.

It is also believed that avoiding obesity, reducing intake of saturated and unsaturated fats (animal and plant sources), moderate or minimal alcohol consumption, and moderate consumption of salt-cured, smoked and nitrite-cured foods can decrease cancer risk.

Additional factors being investigated and worth thinking about in evaluating your diet include: Coffee or caffeine in high amounts has been implicated in bladder and pancreas cancer. Artificial sweeteners such as saccharin have been shown to cause bladder cancer in rats. Frying and broiling meat and fish at high temperatures may be linked to carcinogenic causes.

Following these guidelines is not only helpful in reducing the risk of cancer, but promotes better health and prevents disease overall.

Thank You Potrero View

Visitacion Valley GRAPEVINE thanks the Potrero View for providing our December 1987 front page photo of MISY students at City Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community Boards "free, and effective"

Dear Editor ,
Eleven years ago when I started Community Boards, I never dreamed that it would:
Hear more neighborhood disputes than go to jury trial in the San Francisco Municipal Court,
Teach our San Francisco public school students to be 'Conflict Managers' who peacefully resolve their peers' disputes,
Train Muni drivers, Probation and Department of Social Services staff, and police officers.

The most rewarding result of our work is the whole-hearted acceptance of Community Boards' principles - that conflict is natural and that neighbors have the power and responsibility to resolve it.

Our "free, fast and effective" neighborhood dispute resolution brings hundreds of San Franciscans to Community Boards every year. Most of those requesting services are self-referred. Many of them go on to be members and trained conciliators - the most active vote of confidence they could give.

Many people talk about peace. Community Boards volunteers and disputants make peace - in their homes, schools, families and neighborhoods. They prove the power of genuine citizen involvement to hundreds of other community programs and thousands of volunteers throughout the U.S. and in other countries.

Community Boards is rich in spirit, thanks to the generous contributions of time and effort by members, participants, and friends like yourself.

We are also thankful for the much needed support Community Boards has received from

foundations and private corporations. We have devoted a great deal of energy to showing foundations and private corporations. We have devoted a great deal of energy to showing funders how important it is to support not only our program, but other neighborhood justice programs like ours that are growing all around the country.

But corporate funders will never know how much Community Boards is worth the way that you do.

After a decade of foundation fundraising, I'm turning for the first time to you, our friends in the community who have used the service or taken Community Boards training, to become a "Philanthropist for Peace: by making a peace donation.

We are asking you to make as generous a donation as possible to the one organization in the City that has for eleven years believed in people's ability to help one another relieve tensions and hostilities, reduce conflict, and build cooperative relationships: The Community Board Program.

Experts tell me that it is impossible to convince consumers to contribute during the busy Holiday season. I do not believe this. This is a special time for reflecting on peace, the kind that is part of everyday living.

Yours in friendship,
Raymond Shonholtz

P.S. Your contributions made out to the Community Board Program, Inc. are tax deductible.

P.P.S. Please inquire if your company will match your contribution as part of the United Way's Donor Option and Employer Matching Gift Program.

Valley Senior Escort Service

Dear Editor ,

Visitacion Valley Senior Escort Service has been a SHARE host since October, when 51 people signed up. In November, Vis Valley was one of three host sites with more than 100 participants.

I spoke to Rev. Willie Wright to ask him how he accounts for the fast growth of SHARE at Vis Valley. "There are three criteria at work in our favor," he said. "First, good organization. We know exactly what we are doing, and organize it in such a way that it is not difficult for others to plug in. John King insists that the Escort Service be organized to make any part understood by all the staff. Nobody gets left in the dark."

"Number two is targeting a specific need population in the community. We find it to our advantage to identify individuals who are excited about the idea to the extent that they are willing to promote it. We identify those Individuals by observing the

history of relationships between the individuals within the organization. Make sure your volunteer records are kept up."

"Finally there's handling matters with sensitivity of service delivered. Handle the problems as they arise. Sensitivity comes from personal experience."

"What piece of advice could you give to a new host site?" I asked. Rev. Wright responded: "Enthusiasm by itself won't do - you need experience as a rudder for enthusiasm. If you personally (or if your organization) doesn't have a long history in the community, go to those who do and get their input."

From my observations, I would say that Rev. Wright combines a strong organizational approach (like great volunteer records), a broad familiarity with his community, and a loving manner that makes people feel accepted.

Berne Weiss, Host Development Coordinator

Centervoice - Julia A. Kavanagh is on vacation; her column will be resumed,

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GRAPEVINE Essay Contest

School children in Visitacion Valley schools are invited to participate in an essay contest sponsored by the GRAPEVINE.

The subject of the essays is "Tell Us Like It Is" which asks participating writers to spell out their impressions of their community.

Essays will be judged by a panel, and criteria for judging will be: 1). originality of thought; 2). relevance to topic; 3). content; 4). grammar, spelling and structure of sentences; 5). appearance of submission.

Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade may submit their entries as art work with words as an option. Grades 2-5 are limited to 100 words maximum; grades 6-8, 250 words maximum; and 9-12 at 500 words maximum.

Deadline for submissions to the GRAPEVINE is January 15, 1988.

COOKIE BRIGADE MARCHES TO FT. MILEY



Hospitalized veterans at Ft. Miley had their holiday spirits sweetened by 160 dozen homemade cookies baked by dedicated seniors. Coordinated by Alma Taylor, whose American Association of Retired Persons group visits the hospital monthly, the baked goods were a part of her cookie and gift brigade which brought happiness to 250 bedridden patients.

Schools receive recognition

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AWARDS for 1987 went to five SFUSD schools out of the state's 4500 elementary schools. The chosen schools are the best all-around for each grade span and for similar

socio-economic groupings. These schools showed the greatest improvement or exceeded the performance of 75% of their comparison group on CAP scores. The honored schools are Alamo, John Swett, Rooftop, Sir Francis Drake, Spring Valley, VISITACION VALLEY.

Mom's Volunteerism an Asset to Valley

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The thread that weaves through all these projects is the desire to give children wholesome, satisfying activities in their free time in their own neighborhood. "Kids are also learning the value of volunteerism, having fun and seeing the tangible results of what they do by learning to share, work cooperatively to set up and clean

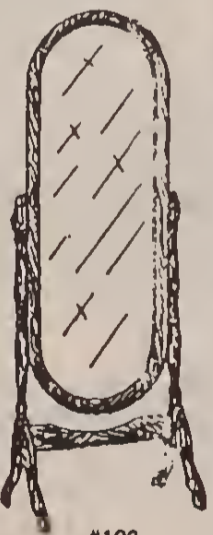
up activities and snacks, and by rotating captainships."

Mrs. Kaartunen sums it up, "Despite poverty, and problems like drugs and crime, despite the forgetfulness of government organizations about the existence of Visitacion Valley, we can have a happier life experience by taking the initiative to help ourselves."

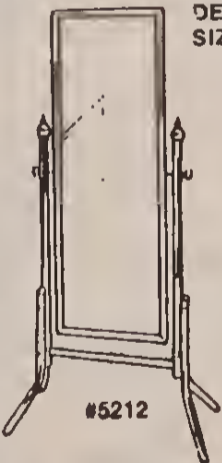
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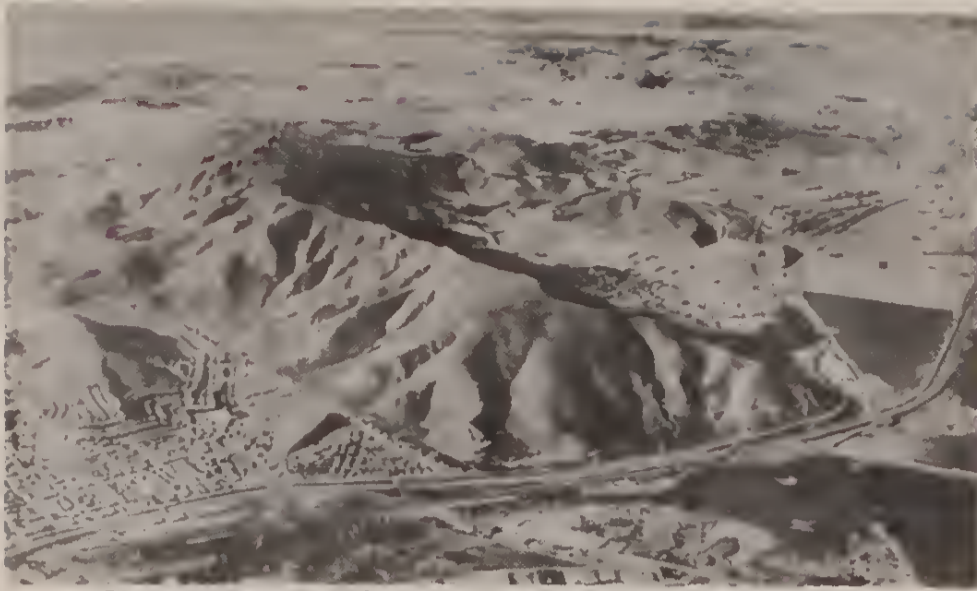
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Preservation of San Bruno Mountain is important in saving endangered plants and wildlife.

Daly City continues to carve

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Opposition to the rezoning is founded on principle grounds: 1) this property is a remnant of Franciscan Habitat that should be preserved to ensure the survival of its endangered species; 2) Daly

City has one of the smallest park systems per capita of any Bay Area City (only .97 acres/1,000 people, compared to San Francisco's 6.25 acres/1,000 people and Martinez' goal of 10 acres/1,000 people).

San Bruno Mt

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Voters will then be able to approve a \$776 million bond issue to acquire and/or restore "park, wildlife, coast, and natural lands in California including lands supporting unique or endangered plants or animals" The measure has a good chance of passage.

About half of the funds have been pre-allocated to specific projects. While San Bruno Mountain has not been pre-allocated funds, it should be eligible within one or more of these categories:

Natural Areas: \$50 million. Wildlife and native plant habitat acquisition and conservation.

State Park Acquisitions: \$4.7 million, for purchases by the Department of State Parks, mainly for lands within existing parks.

Historic Preservation: \$11 million. Continuation of existing state historical grants program, with \$1 million allocated to archeological projects.

Per Capita Allocation: \$150 million, for local agencies according

to per capita formulas.

Nita Spangler, San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission chairman, noted last August that the county parks system stands to gain \$850,000 from the parks and wildlife bonds. Cities and local parks agencies also would be provided funds for a variety of projects, including improving area streams and trails and preserving historic buildings.

Lorraine Burtzloff, BAMW CalPAW coordinator states, "On the basis of our perseverance and energetic participation in winning the petition campaign, we will be seeking the support of state and local park agencies, state legislators and the general environmental community for the allocation of funds to acquire and administer all remaining undeveloped lands on San Bruno Mountain."

After years of siege and struggle, this unique and wonderful work of nature must be rescued from further destruction and be allowed to endure!

Excerpt from "Mountain Watch" publication of Bay Area Mountain Watch

Burbank Middle School Students take classroom to beaches

At Luther Burbank, all students, grades six through eight, participate in the marine science program designed to motivate, stimulate, and expand their knowledge of and appreciation for the marine environment. In their work, students use science laboratories, computers,

community resources, and the many natural "laboratories" along the beaches. The multimedia approach to presenting scientific concepts - videotapes, films, computers with sensors, and "living in the Field" - make exciting learning experiences for all the students.

The Oceanic Society, Steinhart Aquarium, and the Marin Headlands Institute work closely with the faculty and students, both in the classroom and in the field. Field trips include overnights to tidepools and other marine habitats.

The Science-rich community of

the Bay Area is used as a living laboratory where students can find out first-hand how science and technology are part of their lives. The school atmosphere encourages a lifelong interest in the sciences and in becoming actively involved in conserving and improving the environment.

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When the Valley Was Young

By Len Appiano

Almost everything about the Visitacion Valley Community Center and Visitacion Valley today is symbolic of the charitable efforts of its distinguished late founder, Miss Florence P. Friedman.

Born March 17, 1887 in Lemoore, a small town about 30 miles southwest of Visalia, Miss Friedman was a descendant of pioneering grandparents having emigrated from Germany in 1861 to live on the West Coast.

She first attended school in Stockton until her family moved first to Oakland, and eventually to San Francisco's Mission district. Following grade school, she enrolled at Girls' High School.

After graduation, Miss Friedman spent a year in Chicago attending the Lewis Institute of Technology, volunteering her spare time as a social worker under Jane Adams at Hull House.

She returned to San Francisco and attended State College to complete her training as an instructor.

Again desiring to help her fellow man, she served as a volunteer in both the speech and childrens' clinics at University of California, while also teaching sewing at a local orphanage.

"We were told to make identical dresses," she once recalled of her nightly stitching endeavors, "but I couldn't bear the thought of little girls all in uniform.

"So I made each dress different. They went to sleep treasuring them."

Visitacion Valley was little but a rural village when Miss Friedman arrived in 1909 to teach all eight grades on a rotation basis at Visitacion Valley Elementary School.

"The valley had nothing but hills, a one-way street, and wooden planks for sidewalks," she later said of the area she had grown to love.

"It took an hour-and-a-half to get to the center from downtown. We called the two dinkies the 'mollasses special.'

"You had plenty of time to get acquainted with your neighbors while you waited for them at the end of the line."

When the United States entered the First World War in 1917, the Army took over the nearby Southern Pacific Railroad yard, encamping troops readied for battle.

With a modest government allotment of ten dollars a month, Miss Friedman again volunteered her services as director of the War Camp Community Service Center, setting up facilities on March 14, 1918 in a small wooden building still standing at 101 Raymond Avenue at the corner of Alpha Street.

It's fireplace had been constructed by valley residents from used bricks, and the building was elaborately decorated with wild flowers.

Neighborhood families

gathered at the once-abandoned building throughout the war's duration to hold pot luck dinners and social engagements for the soldiers in a forerunner of what would eventually develop into the U.S.O.

With the signing of the armistice came a termination of government funds, but the San Francisco Aquatic Park Recreation League soon agreed to sponsor the center's continuance with funding from individual donors.

Miss Friedman had looked to the San Bruno Community Center, Telegraph Hill Center and Canon Kip as models for the new valley center she was about to convince City officials was a necessity.

She visualized the expanding neighborhood one day outgrowing the center's quaint, but cramped storefront quarters at Alpha Street.

Acquiring a spacious site on the north side of Raymond Avenue's first block, Miss Friedman engaged the services of more than 200 local workers who labored tediously on Sundays and holidays to make the new center a reality.

Generous local contractors and residents donated building materials and equipment.

Located at 66 Raymond Avenue, the Visitacion Valley Community Center was officially incorporated in 1922.

Charter membership was obtained in the San Francisco Community Chest, later to become United Way in the Bay Area.

With the assistance of Dr. Adelaide Brown, Miss Friedman organized the first municipal well-baby clinic provided by the Department of Public Health.

In the years to come, the center has provided Visitacion Valley with instruction in cooking, home economics, woodshop, millinery, sewing, and physical education.

Festivities to commemorate the May 27, 1937 opening of the Golden Gate Bridge were held at the community center for the valley.

Increased development of surrounding properties in the 1930's once again made the community center's expansion imminent.

In 1938, a set of blueprints were finalized for the construction of a two-story building completed three years later. Located at 50 Raymond Avenue, it houses a ballroom, classrooms, and administrative offices.

After 41 years of continued service as the center's executive director, Miss Friedman retired in 1959. She moved two blocks away to 11 Peabody Street after decades of residence in the center's upstairs apartment.

Miss Friedman remained active in both community center and neighborhood affairs until a hip injury necessitated her 1981 moving to the Jewish Home on Silver Avenue.

Sadness engulfed the valley on April 28, 1984, when Miss

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GRAPEVINE GREETINGS

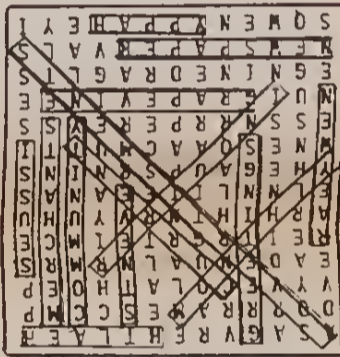
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JANUARY

Jan 10: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Pet Prevent-A-Care Inc., vaccination clinic for dogs & cats, Golden Gate Park Dog Training Area, 38th Avenue & Fulton Street.

1 p.m. Golden Gate Park Band Concert, conducted by Robert Hansen, Bandshell, Golden Gate Park.

Jan 13: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Weight Training, free, 15 years & up, Bernal Heights Park, Moultrie & Jarboe Avenues.

7:30 p.m. Adult Folk Dancing, free, St. Mary's Recreation Center, Murray Street & Justin Drive.

Jan 15: 3:30-5 p.m. Singing Class, 12 years & under, free, Potrero Hill Recreation Center, 22nd, Arkansas Street.

6-10 p.m. Ping Pong & Basketball, 12 years - adult, free, Moscone Recreation Center, Chestnut & Buchanan Street.

Jan 16: Heartsaver CPR Class - District Health Center #3, 1525 Silver Ave.; 9:00a.m.-12:30p.m. Call 468-1588 for reservations. \$3.00 fee.

Every Monday at St. James Presbyterian Church the Brownie's meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the Junior Girl Scouts from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m..

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Sant, Inez Johnson, Fred Henwood, Eugene Lacy, Sam Brown, Hilliard Terry.

There will be no meeting in January

Friedman died at the age of 95.

"I just couldn't live any place else," she once told a newspaper reporter of her loving passion for Visitacion Valley.

As the community center prepared in celebration of its 70th anniversary this March, the spirit of Florence Friedman indeed lives on.

Schools receive program

New magnet programs in seven selected schools are providing exciting new choices for students in the San Francisco Unified School District.

Magnet programs have a special academic emphasis and are open to students throughout the city. Federal government funding, along with their regular school budgets, provides additional school personnel and educational materials to these schools.

The magnet programs are: Hands On Science at McKinley

Elementary and Benjamin Franklin Middle Schools - Marine Science at Fairmount Elementary and Luther Burbank Middle Schools - Visual and Performing Arts at Francisco and James Denman Middle Schools - International Business and Trade at International Studies Academy.

These schools take advantage of the Bay Area's excellent science, arts, and business resources to help students become more confident in their ability to be successful in school and in "the real world."

THE KIDSPLACE LETS KIDS TELL IT AS THEY SEE IT

The KidsPlace survey, distributed in March 1986, was the first comprehensive effort to elicit the views of San Francisco's school children about their city. KidsPlace - a joint project of the Mayor's Office, the San Francisco Unified School District, the United Way of the Bay Area, the Jefferson Institute, and more than 500 community and corporate volunteers - based its survey on a model successfully implemented in Seattle in 1984. KidsPlace aims both to identify the views of San Francisco's children and youth, and to link the resources of business, government and community groups in order to address young people's needs and interests.

Some 50,000 surveys were distributed to children in the third through twelfth grades, at over 140 public, private and parochial schools, and at community youth centers, public libraries, and children's wards of hospitals. Of these, 40,000 were returned.

HOW KIDSPLACE BEGAN

KidsPlace is based on a model successfully implemented in 1984 in Seattle, where nearly 7,000 elementary, middle and high school students responded to a survey about what they thought needed to be improved about their city. The survey led to some refreshingly simple but concrete changes. When the architects redesigning Seattle's waterfront, for instance, were repeatedly told by elementary school students that "there's no place to touch the water," the plan was revamped.

THE KIDSPLACE SURVEY

In San Francisco, children were asked which places they associated with fifteen adjectives such as beautiful, dirty, dangerous, safe, scary, peaceful, ugly, and boring; their favorite place to go with a friend or parent; where they go after school; and what they would do first as mayor of San Francisco to make the city a better place for kids.

In addition, high school students were asked a series of more in-depth questions about they go in the city to meet a variety of needs, what they would change about the city and their high school, and how they would grade San Francisco as a place for young people.

Besides asking questions, the survey carried a message - that young people have a voice and a vote.

TWENTY QUESTIONS - HOW KIDS ANSWERED

Pier 39 is school children's favorite place in San Francisco. Golden Gate Park and Fisherman's Wharf are second place favorites.

After school, children said they go home. No matter which neighborhood they live in they say home is the safest place they know. Home is peaceful and quiet - but it's also the most boring.

Children identified Golden Gate Park as the most beautiful and most peaceful place in the city - but they also find it dangerous and scary, especially at night.

When asked to identify a safe place, nearly two percent of the children said, "Nowhere."

Kids like their local parks and movies with friends. They believe Downtown, Civic Center, Tenderloin and North of Market is the busiest, noisiest, scariest, ugliest, and most dangerous and unfriendly part of San Francisco. Still nearly four percent of the kids called it their favorite part of town and the best place to go with a parent.

Other neighborhoods identified as dangerous and scary included Bayview/Hunter's Point, the Mission district and Market Street, which was called dirty and noisy.

Next to home, the second most boring place to go, the kids said, is school - but it is also helpful. Libraries ranked as the most helpful places in the city, and hospitals and police stations were often mentioned too. The friendliest place to go is the Zoo.

Next month, the GRAPEVINE will print what the kids said they would do if they were elected mayor.

How Do Your Gardens Grow?



By Hyoka Bells

PLANT DIRECTLY: vegetables: asparagus roots, artichoke roots, horseradish roots, Jerusalem artichokes, rhubarb roots, beets, radish, carrots can be sown if the weather is not too wet and cold.

Fruits: strawberry roots and cane berries.

Flowers: clematis vines, flowering quince, grape roots, lilac, roses, and wisteria. This is also the time to plant fruit trees.

START IN FLATS: (toward mid-month) broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower, chard, collard, chives, kale, leeks, lettuce, mustard, rocket salad, onions, scallions.

TRANSPLANT: Experienced gardeners might try to transplant chard, rutabagas, lettuce, and spinach.

PRUNING: Fruit trees, grape vines, roses, and most woody and herbaceous shrubs, and trees.

PLANT GRAFTING: Should be done at this time.

DORMANT SPRAYING: It is time for a general spraying (that is if you have decided to spray this year). Start spraying for Peach Leaf Curl. Under ideal conditions you would be applying a second dormant spray now.

BULBS: Anemone, freesias, and ranunculas bulbs, may be planted in a sunny, well drained location.

PROTECT plants against the frost (mulching helps this).

PLANNING SPRING AND SUMMER GARDENS

Now that it has been raining a lot, we get a chance to plan our gardens. Here is a list of things you might like to keep in mind.

SOIL TESTING: how fertile is your soil? Remembering that soil is what feeds our plants.

COMPOSTING: add back organic material to the soil.

COMPANION PLANTS: some plants like to grow next to each other, and some do not. Examples follow:

BUSH BEANS: 7-12 days, 60-80 degrees, the hotter it is the less days it takes. **LIKE;** beets, corn, cucumbers, potatoes. **DISLIKE;** the onion family. 40-50

days to maturity.

POLE BEANS: 12 days at 60-65 degrees. **LIKE;** corn, radishes, strawberries,

DISLIKE; beets, onion, cabbage family. 58-days to maturity.

BEETS: 10-12 days, 70-75 degrees, **LIKE;** lettuce, onions, cabbage family.

DISLIKE; beets. 40-50 days to maturity.

CARROTS: 18 days at 55-60 degrees, **LIKE;** leaf lettuce, beans, chives,

DISLIKE; parsnips. 60 days to maturity.

CELERY: 14-21 days at 60-70 degrees, likes leeks, tomatoes, cauliflower,

cabbage. 85 days to maturity.

CORN: 8-10 day at 60-70 degrees, **LIKE;** potatoes, beans, squash, cucumbers. 65-75 days to maturity.

LEEKs: 14 days at 55 degrees, **LIKE;** beets, carrots, onions **DISLIKE;** pans, and

beans. 90-110 days to maturity.

LETTUCE: 7 days at 50-65 degrees, **LIKE;** radishes, beets, carrots, onions,

cabbage family. 45-55 days to maturity for leaf, 65 for butter, and 80-90 for head.

ONIONS: 10-14 days at 65 degrees, **LIKE;** turnip, carrots, tomatoes, cabbage

family **DISLIKE;** peas, asparagus. 100 days for sets and 130 days for plants.

PEAS: 7-10 days at 45-65 degrees, **LIKE;** carrots, beans, turnips, **DISLIKE;**

onions. 60-70 days to maturity.

PEPPERS: 12-14 days at 70-75 degrees, **LIKE;** tomatoes, onions, eggplant,

parsley. 70 days to maturity.

PUMPKINS: 6 days at 65-70 degrees **LIKE;** corn, radishes, eggplant. **DISLIKE;**

potatoes. 110 days to maturity.

RADISHES: 5 days at 55-60

degrees, **LIKE;** lettuce, peas,

cucumbers, squash, pole beans. 20 days to maturity.

SPINACH: 7-14 days at 35-55

degrees, **LIKE;** strawberries. 48

days to maturity.

SQUASH: 10 days at 60-65 degrees, **LIKE;** radishes, corn nasturtiums, French

marigolds, **DISLIKE;** potatoes.

50 days to maturity for summer

and 90 for

winter.

SWISS CHARD: 7-15 days at

45-60 degrees, **LIKE;** peas,

radishes, onions. 50-60

days to maturity.

TOMATOES: 12 days at 60

degrees, **LIKE;** parsley, carrots,

onions, asparagus,

DISLIKE; corn, dill, potatoes.

Tiny Tots taking sign-ups

Hertz Playground, Visitacion and Hahn Streets, is now taking sign ups for a new Tiny Tot Class which will begin Wednesday, January 6. A Thursday class is also offered.

Activities include Storytime, Outings, Indoor and Outdoor Play, Snacks and Arts and Crafts for

children ages 2 1/2 - 5 years of age.

Fee is \$10.00 per semester. A tuberculin patch test is required for the child and adult bringing the child to class.

For more information, contact recreation director Renee Strong at 333-0930.

Thy Kingdom Come...Thy Will Be Done opens

"Thy Kingdom Come.. Thy Will Be Done," a documentary by Antony Thomas, opens January 8 at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th Street in San Francisco. Showtimes are daily at 6, 8 and 10 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 and 4 p.m.

A hit at the 1987 Mill Valley

Film Festival, "Thy Kingdom Come...Thy Will Be Done" is an examination of the ties between Christian Fundamentalism and the extreme right wing of American politics. Originally made for PBS as a two-part segment for their "Frontline" series, the film was never aired. Made before the PTL scandal, executives at PBS

decided to postpone airing the film until the dust settled about the PTL. The decision created controversy of its own and accusations of PBS submitting to political pressures have been made. With or without controversy, the film is a timely and revealing look at the Christian Fundamentalists in this country.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

HOLIDAY DRAWING

Thanks to all our wonderful donors, the following lucky winners will be invited by letter to pick up their prizes at local merchants stores:

Carmen Villasenor won a Timex watch from VisValley Pharmacy; Irma Leone won a wallet from Leland Ave. Pharmacy; Antoinette Longa - dinner for 2 from Hawaiian Luau; Joseph Leone - 5# ham from Bayshore Meats; Gavina Ramirex - cordless screwdriver from Leland True Value Hardware; Rita Sciapiti - dress and jacket cleaning from Boulevard Cleaners; Concepcion Bellocchi - 1 doz. donuts from Cuneo's Bakery; Gene Villasenor - \$5 credit at Evan's House of Music; Mary Russo - t-shirt and workbook from Community Boards; Richard Kaartunen - wine & cheese basket from Valley Super Market; Mary Macollef - a shawl from VIPS of VisValley Elementary School; Mary Pearson, Slivei Reev, Rosibel Monji, Arthur Mayhew, Zona Gibbons, Josephine Vega, Julie Salazar, Irene Cole and Winfrey Good, all won coupon books for cleaning from Martinizing Cleaners.

Anne Kaartunen was the Coordinator for this Second Annual GRAPEVINE/MERCHANT HOLIDAY DRAWING and the VVCC Seniors drew the winning names.



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